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To The FCC Agencie

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I have just retired the first of the year, and have looked forward to many hours of enjoyment in my hobby of Radio Control Airplanes the building and flying of them, and also am a member of the Screaming Eagles R/C club of Plainfield, In.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is [PR Docket 92-235]. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

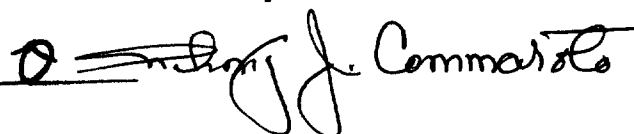
I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousand of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Anthony J. Commaroto
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Federal Communication Commission
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Dear Sirs;

I understand the FCC is considering a new ruling that will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for RC model use on PR. Docket 92-235. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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The entire RC Hobby industry will be severely affected by this action. Our airplanes could be affected by a mobile user and cause a serious problem and possible serious injury.

I have been in this hobby for 10 years, have 8 radios and 9 planes. There are hundreds of thousands of others like me that will be affected by this ruling.

I'm asking that you keep the spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz & 72 MHz bands available for safe use for RC enthusiasts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

for L. Streater

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25 Jan. 1993
Penn Hills, PA

Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Sirs;

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THOSE SECTIONS OF PR DOCKET 92-235 THAT WOULD MODIFY THOSE BAND SEGMENTS NOW USED FOR THE REMOTE CONTROL OF MODEL AIRPLANES AND OTHER VEHICLES. We have just completed, at your direction, a seven or eight year updating program that involved serious band width reductions at significant cost. New assignments that would require band widths of less than 2kc. would destroy the industry that is involved in the manufacturer of these devices and would significantly increase the risk of one of these high energy models moving into populated areas. The fact that high output transmitters would be operated only a few kcs. away is compounded by the fact that the new stations are to be mobile. This, of course, would mean that we could not even move to another frequency until after the crash.

Something over 250,000 people in the United States participate in this hobby. Please do not destroy it.

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FCC - MAIL ROOM

January 27, 1993

Dear FCC:

I was greatly concerned to discover that the FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (PR Docket 92-235) which, if implemented, would dramatically affect the safe operation of radio controlled model airplanes. The proposed frequency assignment would also render my five radio control systems unsuable if adopted. The cost of each of these unit is around three hundred dollars.

Flying radio controlled airplanes at the Montgomery County Model Airport in Germantown is an activity that is very important to me and my two young sons. It not only provides us with a family activity each weekend, but also has taught my boys a great deal about aviation. Since these proposed new frequencies are so close together, interference will occur and render most model frequencies unusable. With radio interference already a concern for us in the present crowded spectrum, further adding to the problem could signal the end for an important recreational use of radio control equipment.

The issue of **safety** should also be considered. Each of my model airplanes weighs around ten pounds and is capable of flying at speeds approaching 100 mph. Losing control of such a model due to radio interference could cause both safety and liability iproblems. I urge you to help stop this proposed frequency grab and protect the sport of model aviation from further encroachment. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Eric Temple

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Sample Letter to FCC (from consumer)
Regarding FCC Rule Making

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Dear Sirs:

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important hobby of mine, radio controlled (R/C) model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats.

Your Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of your rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

This action will have a severe, detrimental impact upon me and the entire R/C hobby industry. If put into effect, my airplane or helicopter could easily be shot out of the sky by a mobile user I'd have no way of knowing about. This creates a severe health hazard.

I have been involved in this hobby for 30 years. I own 4 radios and 6 model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats. In addition, I have numerous engines, motors, chargers, field accessories and other products necessary to support my hobby. When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the U.S. just like me, these proposed rule changes will affect a lot of people economically and in terms of enjoyment.

I urge you to reconsider this. Keep 10 Khz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz and 72 MHz bands available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts. Please don't eliminate this hobby that has grown tremendously over the past 30 years and has so much investment of money and enjoyment of people nationwide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerome S. Adam

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